

## Mission Tuesday #126



*"If it wasn't for Mission of Hope, I don't know where I'd be."*

*"Without Mission of Hope, I wouldn't be where I'm at today."*

*"My friends at Mission of Hope believe in me."*

*"Mission of Hope has helped me get my life back on track."*

*"I thank God for Mission of Hope."*

These are just some of the statements I have heard within the last two weeks from real people, who have real struggles, who are finding real hope at Mission of Hope. We at Mission of Hope love people the way we feel Jesus would love them. Unconditionally.

Reverend Barb Furman, Founder of Mission of Hope, recently wrote in her resignation letter to Mission of Hope's Board of Directors these words that explain what I'm talking about, *"At the heart of our vision is to love every human being unconditionally as Jesus loves us. This simple principle is Christ's instruction to His Church regardless of whether people change or not. It is Mission of Hope's belief though that through this ministry, no one can continue to be subjected to His love and remain the same. Therefore, we know we are making a difference in each one's life and in the life of our community."*

Amen, Pastor Barb! Amen!

We are making a difference in each person's life who walk in our doors. I see it every day. I'm thinking of one man in particular who said to me yesterday after our Worship Service, "I walk in these doors and am refreshed. I know I can come here and find people who love me and care about me." This man has completely turned his life around. He was released from prison in February, and found Mission of Hope shortly thereafter. Since then, has found full-time employment, has purchased a car, is looking for housing, and is a big help to us at the Mission.

I'm also thinking of the woman who shared with me yesterday that her three children were taken away from her a few years ago this coming week. She admits she was making unhealthy choices with her life back then, and was left with no hope. She found Mission of Hope not even a year ago, and she is working at turning her life around. She tells me she loves me each time I see her, as she hugs me and gives me a kiss on the cheek. She said to me yesterday, "You're all the family I have left. I guess you're stuck with me." She made me smile. :)

We at Mission of Hope will continue to love others unconditionally, as Jesus loves us. We will

continue to reach out to those who need hope...and don't we all need that? And we will continue to see lives being changed.

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